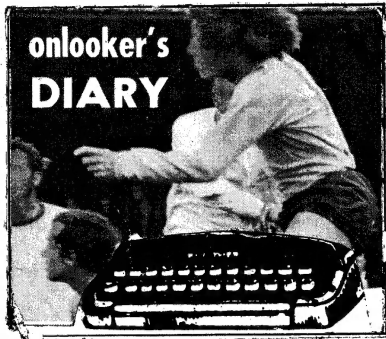


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SECOND Division promotion challengers Aston Villa will be playing at Loakes Park, High Wycombe, on Monday night. They face the England Amateur team in a warm-up game before the amateurs' international against Scotland on March 2.

Villa have named an extremely strong side to test the cream of England's amateur players. Forwards Willie Anderson, Chico Hamilton and Mick McMahon, all regular first team men, are included in the side.

Anderson was formerly with Manchester United and Hamilton with Chelsea — both are really top class and exciting forwards.

Also in the Villa line-up are Wright (centre back), and midfield players Turnbull and Beard. Gidman and McDonald are England and Scottish Youth internationals while Hoban,

Loakes Park the venue for Villa

another midfield man, is an England Amateur Youth cap.

The full team is: Findlay, Gidman, McDonald, Wright, Hoban, Turnbull, Beard, George George, McMahon, Hamilton, Anderson. Villa captain Bruce Rioch will not be playing but his brother Neil is named as one of the reserves along with Stark, Betts (England Youth) and Child.

Wycombe Wanderers have two players in the Amateurs squad and one surprising omission is Larry Pritchard — the Blues most

consistent player this season. John Delaney and Derek Gamblin are in the 16. Paul Birdseye was in the original training pool who trained at Bisham Abbey last week.

The full squad is: J. Swannell (Hendon), A. Williams (Enfield), D. Gamblin (Wycombe), R. Eaton (Slough), J. Delaney (Wycombe), E. Powell (Kingstonian), J. Payne (Enfield), D. Bassett (Walton), R. Haider (Hendon), R. Day (Slough), K. Banks (Spennymoor), B. Friend (Leatherhead), J. Butterfield (En-

field), A. Bass (Hendon), J. Brooks (Enfield), E. Dickin (Marine).

Two newcomers are Banks and Brooks while many Wycombe fans will remember Ted Dickin whose two goals for Skelmersdale put Wycombe out of the Amateur Cup in the quarter-finals two years ago.

The most capped amateur in the team is Rod Haider with 50 while John Swannell, his club-mate, has 48. Ted Powell has 35 and Roger Day 31. Wycombe's

Derek Gamblin, who it was thought had given up international football, has won 28 and John Delaney 15.

Season ticket holders in the block at Loakes Park who will be wanting their seats for the game should telephone club treasurer Roger Lee at Hampden Row 427 who will retain them. The match is all pay but if the seats in the block aren't wanted by ticket holders, other spectators will be allowed to use them.

NEW SENIOR SECTION FOR COMBINATION

THE Wycombe Combination are to set up a special senior section next season for clubs in the area of Intermediate standard. It was decided at an extraordinary general meeting of the Combination on Friday.

By a majority of 37-7, the meeting agreed to form the section, and a proposal that the Combination's name be changed to the High Wycombe and District Football League was also passed.

But the Combination's third proposal to change the rules requiring all Premier sides to have Reserve teams failed to gain the necessary majority.

Allied to the last proposal, was the intention to place any Premier reserve sides into divisions according to their ability. Combination secretary Mr. David Townse said he was against this decision.